

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Two Conditions

THE return to Paris of the French Defence Minister and the Secretary of State for War after month-long tour of Indo-China naturally prompts speculation as to whether the things they saw and the information they gleaned have moved them to any definite convictions either in favour of continuing the war or preference for a more vigorous prosecution of the campaign for a truce. It is necessary of course, to appreciate that the two Ministers have been presented with a new factor since they set off on their visit to Indo-China—the decision of the Big Four to call a meeting in Geneva next month at which it is highly probable the Indo-China situation will be discussed and the possibility of reaching an armistice explored. Moreover, the two Ministers will learn now that they have returned home that French willingness to negotiate a truce is based on the fulfilment of two preliminary conditions. One is that the French must be in a strong enough military position to indulge in negotiations; the other that the Communists accept a "free and democratic Indo-China" according to Western interpretation. So far none of the several armistice overtures from the Communist side of the battle lines has contained what the French consider to be an "honest" offer to recognise the second premise, and this has stimulated more talk of "victory" and of the French winning the upper hand.

ON the other hand, given the circumstances which the French are seeking, there is little doubt that Paris would eagerly grasp the opportunity to halt the Indo-China war. Purely from the viewpoint of her own security France is naturally anxious to be able to disengage her troops from Indo-China and leave defence responsibilities to the growing Vietnam Army. This point was underscored yesterday by M. Pleven when he observed that he and his fellow Minister "found Vietnamese leaders fully conscious that independence cannot be achieved by the transfer of civil services. It necessarily involves the gradual transfer of the main burden of military defence." It is, in fact, the accepted policy of the French Government to enlarge the Vietnam armed services, through American assistance, so that the Associated States can look after their own problems of maintaining internal security and order. It is discernible that this policy is being tuned to meet the clearly growing popular demand in France for a cease-fire on terms similar to those of the Korean armistice.

WASHINGTON SHOOTING DRAMA

Congressmen Wounded By Hail Of Bullets

THE FULL STORY OF AN UNPARALLELED INCIDENT

Washington, Mar. 1.

Two men and a woman shot down five members of the House of Representatives with volleys of pistol shots from the visitors' gallery today.

Two members, Mr Alvin Bentley, of Michigan, and Mr Ben Jensen, of Iowa, dropped down in pools of blood and are believed critically wounded.

Police and door-keepers grabbed the attackers after they had fired 20 to 25 shots that sent the Speaker and members diving for cover. The three were shouting demands for freedom for Puerto Rico, American dependency in the Gulf of Florida.

A high police official said those responsible for the shooting were believed to be members of the same extremist Puerto Rican organisation which tried to assassinate President Truman at Blair House, Washington, in November 1950.

He said four people were being held.

Mr Boyd Crawford, Clerk of the Foreign Affairs Committee, who tackled one of the gunmen as he dashed from the gallery, told reporters: "I saw him with a smoking gun, so I just grabbed and hung on. We were struggling for the gun and I was trying to keep it from the direction of the other people milling around."

A house page boy, Leo Thomas, said he saw one of the men coming out with a pistol and with someone hanging on to his arm. "I lashed out and hit the Puerto Rican on the jaw and he dropped the gun," he said. "Then we piled on him."

A man who was in the gallery said three people who looked like foreigners sat down behind him—"then right by my ear it was just 'bang, bang, bang' and my wife was screaming 'the woman has a gun.'"

A few minutes after the shooting Mr E. Martin, the Speaker, resumed the rostrum, asked the members to take their seats and formally adjourned the House. Soon afterwards G-men moved in and began looking for bullets.

The attackers, who were close by the press gallery, rose shouting: "My country is not free. Free Puerto Rico." Then holding their pistols in both hands they opened fire. The woman was said to have fired at the ceiling.

The wounded members of the House included Mr Kenneth Roberts of Alabama, who was carried out on a stretcher, Mr George Fallon of Maryland and Mr Clifford Davis of Tennessee. The shooting began just as the House had finished voting on the "Wetbacks" Bill to permit the United States to recruit Mexican farm labour.

As police rushed the gunmen to police headquarters, one threw a Puerto Rican flag into the air.

The police said the four people being held were Lolita Lebron, 34, Rafael Maranda, 25, Andres Cordero, 29, and Irving Flores, all giving New York city addresses.

SHOT IN CHEST
Mr Alvin Bentley was shot in the chest.

While Mr Bentley lay on the floor near the Speaker's platform, two doctor members of the House knelt by his side.

Police seized the gun men as they tried to reload. The wounded members were comforted by others as the House doctor was called.

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Has 50-50 Chance

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Rep. Alvin M. Bentley, underwent an exploratory operation at casualty hospital about five hours after the shooting.

Dr. Clarence Stanley White, who performed the surgery, said that he "is over the operation" and has a "50-50 chance" to live.

"He's in the hands of the Lord now," the surgeon told reporters. —United Press.

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White House Alerted

Washington, Mar. 1. The shooting in Capitol Hill caused an immediate alert at the White House today.

The guards at all seven entrances to the White House and its grounds were notified by telephone of the incident.

Members of the White House secret service moved rapidly to maintain a tight guard at all entrances.

Secret servicemen vividly remembered that the last outbreak of Puerto Rican nationalist violence here was an attempt on Nov. 1, 1950, to assassinate former President Truman at Blair House. —United Press.

Wounded Man's Story

Washington, Mar. 1.

"I think I got hit before I heard the shooting," said Rep. George H. Fallon (Democrat, Maryland) from his hospital bed today.

Rep. Fallon, apparently in good spirits after receiving a painful hip wound in today's shooting spree, though he felt a "burning" and the bullet "spun me around."

"I think I got hit before I heard the shooting," he said. "I looked up and saw those guns firing."

Rep. Fallon said the force of the gunshot apparently knocked his right leg from under him and he fell between the seats on the House floor.

"I stayed there until the shooting stopped," he said and added:

"I reached back and came up with a handful of blood. It happened when I was lying on the floor. I couldn't believe it was happening," he said. He added he stayed on the House floor until some of his colleagues "discovered I needed some help."

They helped move me into the cloak room.

Rep. Fallon said he did not lose consciousness or seem to be suffering from shock and "the only time I got shaky was when they gave me shots."

Rep. Fallon recalled that Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr. was just about to complete a standing vote on a Mexican labour bill when the gunfire started.

He said the shots sounded like "firecrackers—like 'pop-pop-pop'."

"There must have been a couple of dozen of shots," he said. —United Press.

Mau Mau Gang Makes Raid

Nairobi, Mar. 1.

A Mau Mau gang, armed with one automatic weapon and other firearms, attacked and burned down Africans workers' quarters on a European farm in the Rift valley, 20 miles northeast of Gilgil, British Army Headquarters reported today.

One young African girl was wounded and two African women and two children were abducted.

Otherwise operational areas remained quiet over the weekend and today.

Security forces killed 90 terrorists in the past week, wounded and captured 18, detained 95 suspects and arrested 102 Africans in police round-ups. —Reuter.

DENIES REPORT

Lahore, Mar. 1.

The Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Sir Mohammad Zafarullah Khan, denied tonight that he had resigned.

Commenting on a press report that he had resigned on instructions from the head of the Ahmadiyya sect of Moslems, of which he is a member, he said "there is no foundation in it."

NO SURVIVORS

Newcastle, Wyoming, Mar. 1.

All nine people aboard a Western Air Lines plane missed the plane today were found dead in the wreckage of the plane which crashed in the mountains near the town of Newcastle. —United Press.

Trapped In Wrecked Lorry



A schoolgirl was killed and another seriously injured, when this heavy lorry crashed through the parapet of a bridge and plunged into the river near Morlaix, Brittany, France. The driver was trapped for several hours in the overturned truck. —London Express.

Socialists Oppose Arms Programme

London, March 1.

The Labour Party decided tonight to table a motion in the House of Commons tomorrow criticising the Conservative Government's \$1,639 million arms programme for 1954-55.

The decision was made at a meeting called to shape the opposition's line for tomorrow's debate on defence.

In the discussion the Government will ask the House of Commons to approve its programme for the coming financial year.

The motion adopted tonight regrets that the Government has made no proposals for a reduction in the length of compulsory national service.

The motion also says that while the Labour Party in no way departs from its resolve to ensure adequate defence, it regrets that the Government has failed to make a proper allocation of national resources between defence and economic needs.

It alleges that the Government has failed to allocate defence expenditure properly between research, production and manpower.

The motion was signed by the Labour Party leader, Mr Clement Attlee, Mr Herbert Morrison, his deputy, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, former Defence Minister, Mr John Strachey, former War Minister and others.

The Labour Party's private meeting took place at the same time as Sir Winston Churchill's Cabinet met in the House of Commons.

The Cabinet discussed plans for tomorrow's debate, in which the Prime Minister will make the closing speech. —Reuter.

Officer Slain In Riots

Djakarta, Mar. 1.

An Army captain was killed and several persons were injured on Sunday when an estimated 500,000 Moslems demonstrated against an alleged insult to Islam by an Indonesian political leader.

Police and firemen battled the mob, whose anger flared even more when a group of young Indonesians attending a dance yelled at them from a balcony overlooking the scene.

The demonstrators smashed into the dance hall and beat the youths, then ransacked the building.

The Army captain was killed when he attempted to halt the mob. Police reinforcements finally arrived and forced the demonstrators to disperse. —United Press.

Sudan Riots: Arrest Of Party Leaders Ordered

Khartoum, Mar. 1.

The Sudanese Government today ordered the arrest of 32 leading members of the Al Umma Independent Party.

An inquiry has been opened to determine to what extent, if any, they are responsible for this morning's riots in which 23 people, including eight policemen, are so far known to have been killed. The bodies of the policemen were beyond recognition so badly had they been mutilated by kicks, knife thrusts and sword cuts.

A Sudanese Cabinet communiqué said that today's trouble "revealed a carefully prepared plan."

A relative calm had returned to this city at nightfall. Sudan defence forces and troops were patrolling the streets following the proclamation of martial law and they were ordered to shoot at any suspect or groups without warning.

The Government also officially announced today that the opening of the Parliament would be postponed until March 10.

The British Army battalion stationed in the military barracks here were not at any point called out today to help quell this morning's riots before the Governor-General's palace. The British and Egyptian battalions were held in reserve for a possible deterioration of the situation.

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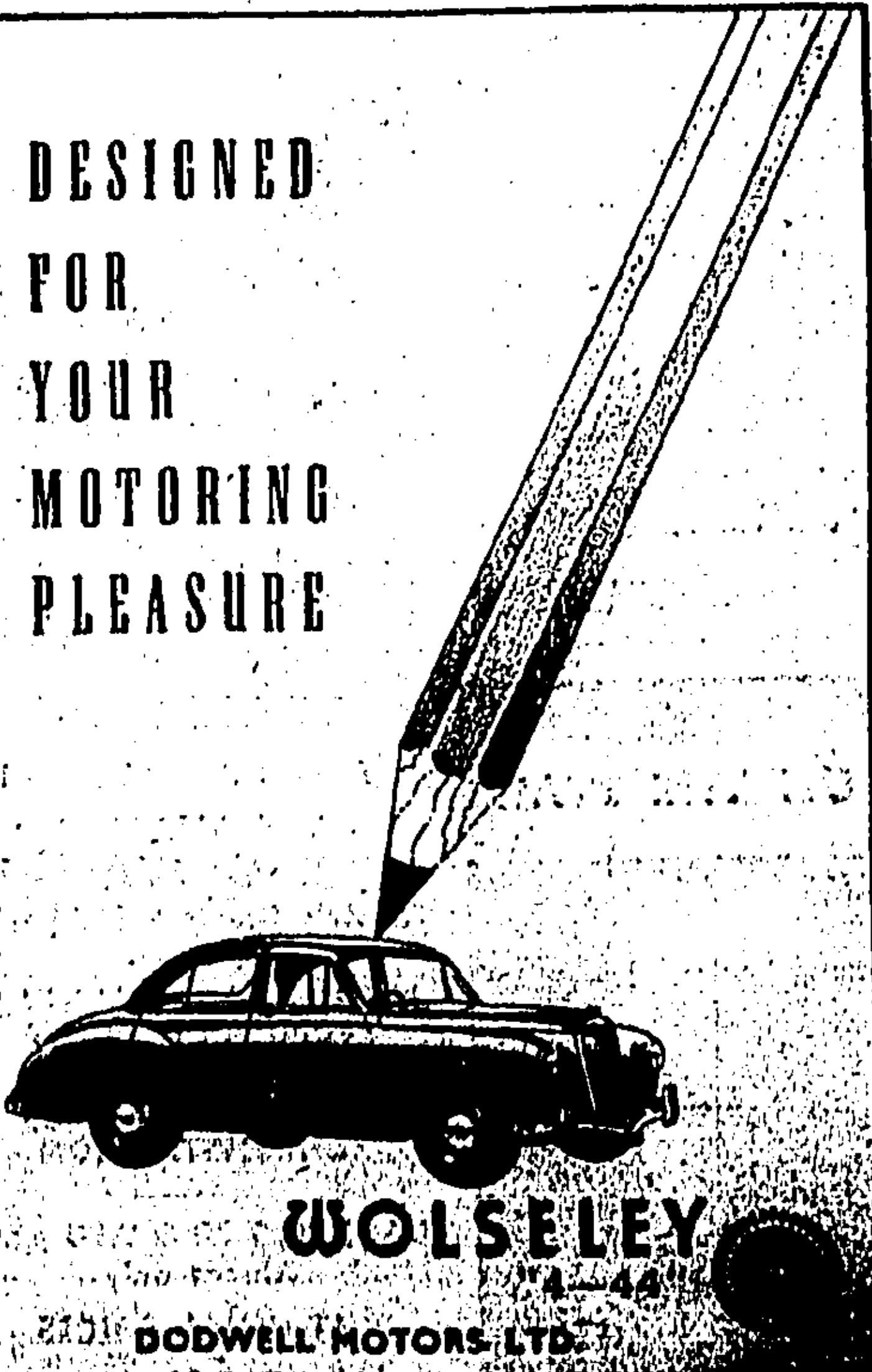
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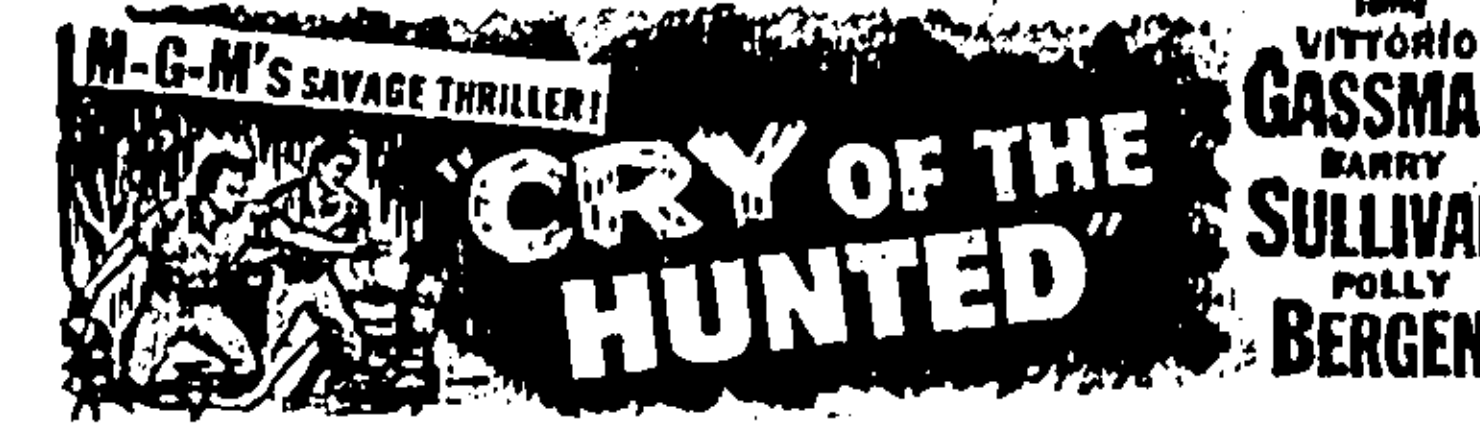
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President Of The Federation Of British Industries Says:

"JAPAN MUST PLAY FAIR IN TRADE"

Copying Of Patents To Be Carefully Watched

London, Mar. 1.

The President of the Federation of British Industries, Sir Harry Pilkington in Liverpool today, said: "If we are to admit Japan to the community of trading nations, then Japan must abide by the ordinary rules of international trade and must trade fairly."

"The Anglo-Japanese trade and payments agreement was an important development leading in the direction of greater free trade, he said.

However there were special reasons for concern about Japanese competition, he said in a speech at the Federation's annual dinner.

Waiters More Likely To Get Cancer

The Hague, March 1.
A Dutch doctor has said that inn keepers and waiters, whose job entails alcohol in fairly large quantities, are seven times more likely to have throat cancer than men in other professions.

The claim was made by Dr J.J. Baruch, writing in *Het Ziekenhuis*, the publication of the Central Association of Sick Clubs, about the registration of cancer cases.

The registration and collection of data on cancer patients was begun last year by the National Organisation for Combating Cancer.—Reuter.

"China Will Be At Geneva As Aggressors"

Washington, Mar. 1.
The Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, Mr David McKelvey said today the Geneva conference would give the U.S. "a new opportunity to complete the job we started at Cairo of re-establishing the independence of all of Korea."

He was referring to the Cairo Declaration of 1943 which called for a free and independent Korea, in a lecture given tonight on the subject of U.S. responsibilities toward the free world.

"The Chinese Communists and the North Korean Communists will of necessity participate since no settlement is possible without their agreement."

"But they will be there as aggressors. They are not included among the sponsoring Powers and it is specifically agreed that no decision of recognition is involved."

Mr McKelvey warned against undue optimism as there was still "much distance to travel before we reach the goal of peaceful reunification of Korea."

—France-Press.

Boston, Massachusetts, Mar. 1.
A three-year-old boy defeated the best linguistic efforts of the Boston Police Department when he became lost yesterday.

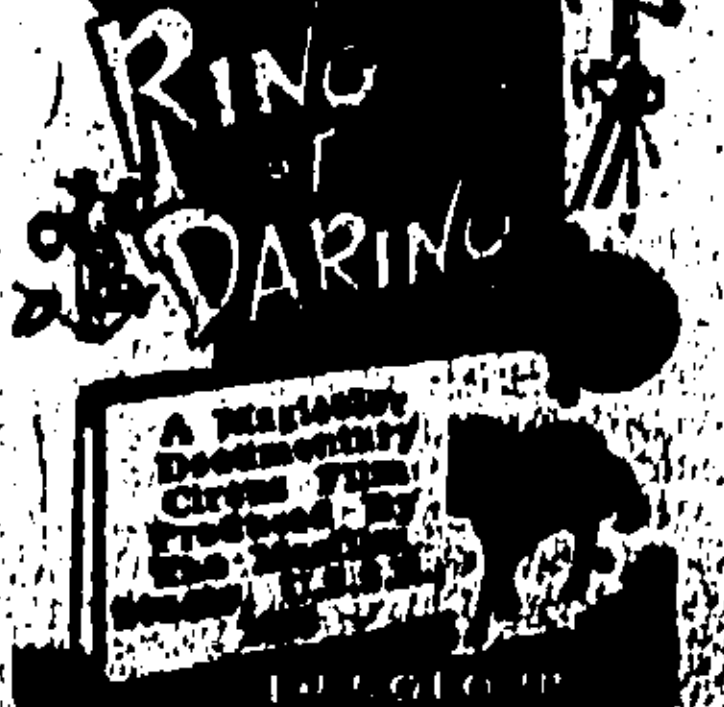
English, Italian, French, Greek and Portuguese were tried without avail. Officers learned the reason when the boy's father appeared looking for him.

The youngster could speak only the dialect of the Micmac Indians of New Brunswick.—United Press.

Cathay

SHOWING TO-DAY

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Lady Churchill At Launching



Lady Churchill, wife of the British Prime Minister, is seen here with Lord Abernethy prior to the launching of the new 22,000 tons Cunard liner Saxonia, the first of three ships ordered from Messrs John Brown's yards at Clyde Bank for the Canadian run. The new ships will carry 125 first class and 800 tourist class passengers.

Inter-American Conference

Communists Arrested Before Opening Of Talks

Caracas, Mar. 1.

Diplomats from 20 American nations opened the tenth Inter-American Conference today with the Communist issue making a bid to be a dominant question.

Extraordinary security measures were taken in the conference hall and the surrounding area to prevent any disorders by Communists or others.

Authoritative sources said Venezuelan security forces had arrested and jailed "several important Communists" in the last few days. They said the Reds were caught with propaganda and "instructions to create trouble."

President Marcos Perez Jimenez of Venezuela formally opened the conference in the huge, modernist auditorium of Venezuela University. The delegations, mostly led by Foreign Ministers, then started the deliberations aimed at promoting economic, social and cultural welfare of the Western Hemisphere peoples and strengthening their internal defences against hostile ideologies.

The arrival of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, spurred talk of the question of Communism in Guatemala in the conference halls among delegates jockeying for position in formal debates. The main lines of this question are expected to be between the United States and Guatemala.

Mr Dulles will seek a general resolution against Communism, with specific measures to curb it throughout the Hemisphere. The Guatemalan Foreign Minister, Guillermo Toriello, is "on record" as opposing "intervention in Guatemalan affairs."

The Argentine Foreign Minister does not see Communism but the prices paid for Latin American raw materials as the main topic. The Nicaraguan

delegate, Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa, and the Honduran Foreign Minister, J. Eduardo Valencia, both regard Communism as the chief problem.—United Press.

Tests For 5,000 British Seven-Year Olds

New reading and intelligence tests are to be given to 5,000 children throughout Britain to record their progress since they began going to school. All the children were born in 1940.

The tests will form the first mass review of its kind. The children come from many different kinds of homes.

The National Foundation for Educational Research, in a report, say: "By now the children have reached the age of 7½ years, and most will have started their progress through primary school."

Questionnaires have been sent to many schools about the sizes and age-ranges of classes. Questions are also being asked about help given by parents.

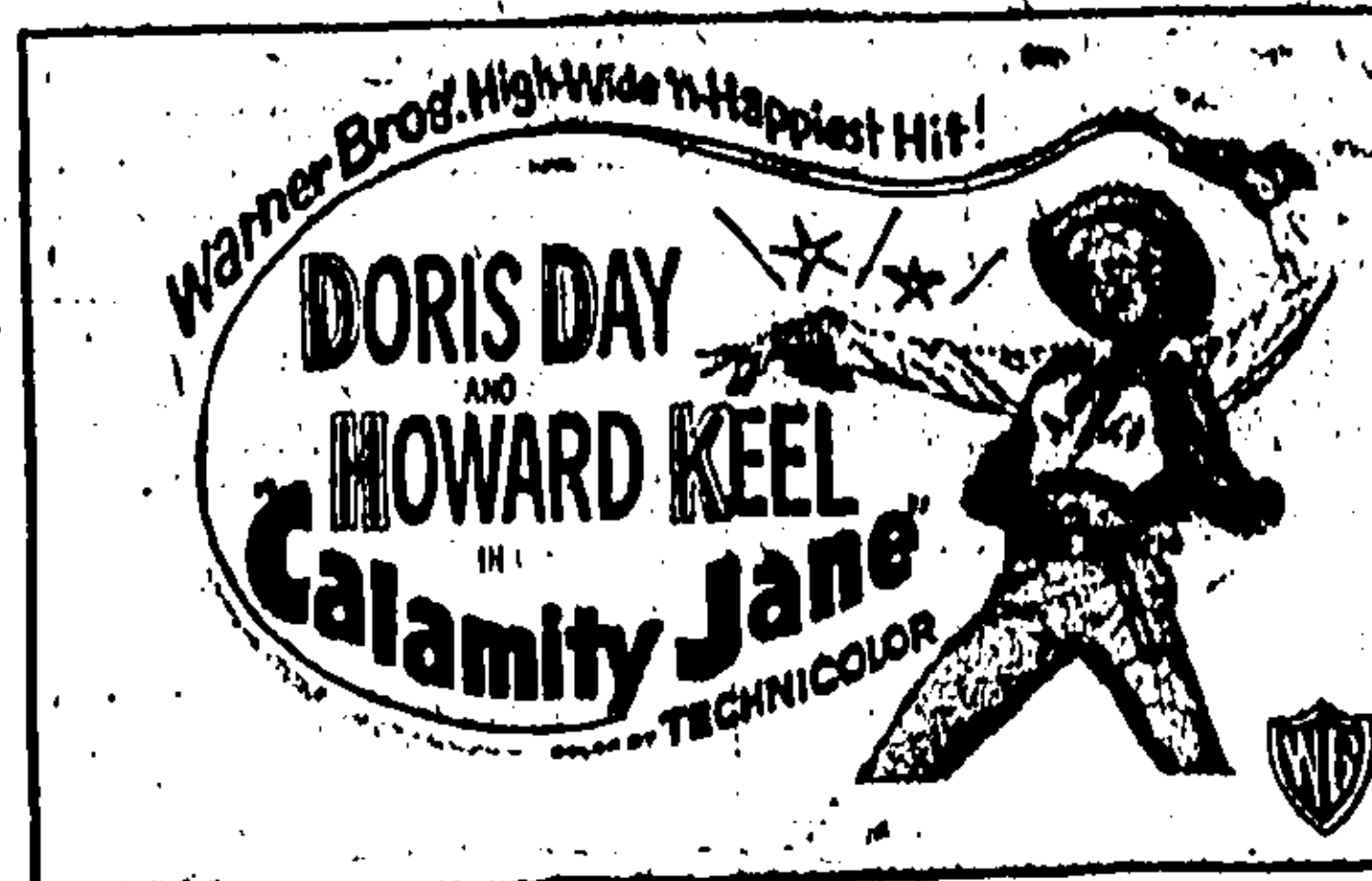
The report adds: "We hope to arrange for these children to be tested early in 1954."

One of the tests will require the use of pictures, which will give a score independent of a child's ability to read.

Sentence and word tests are also planned.—London Express Service.

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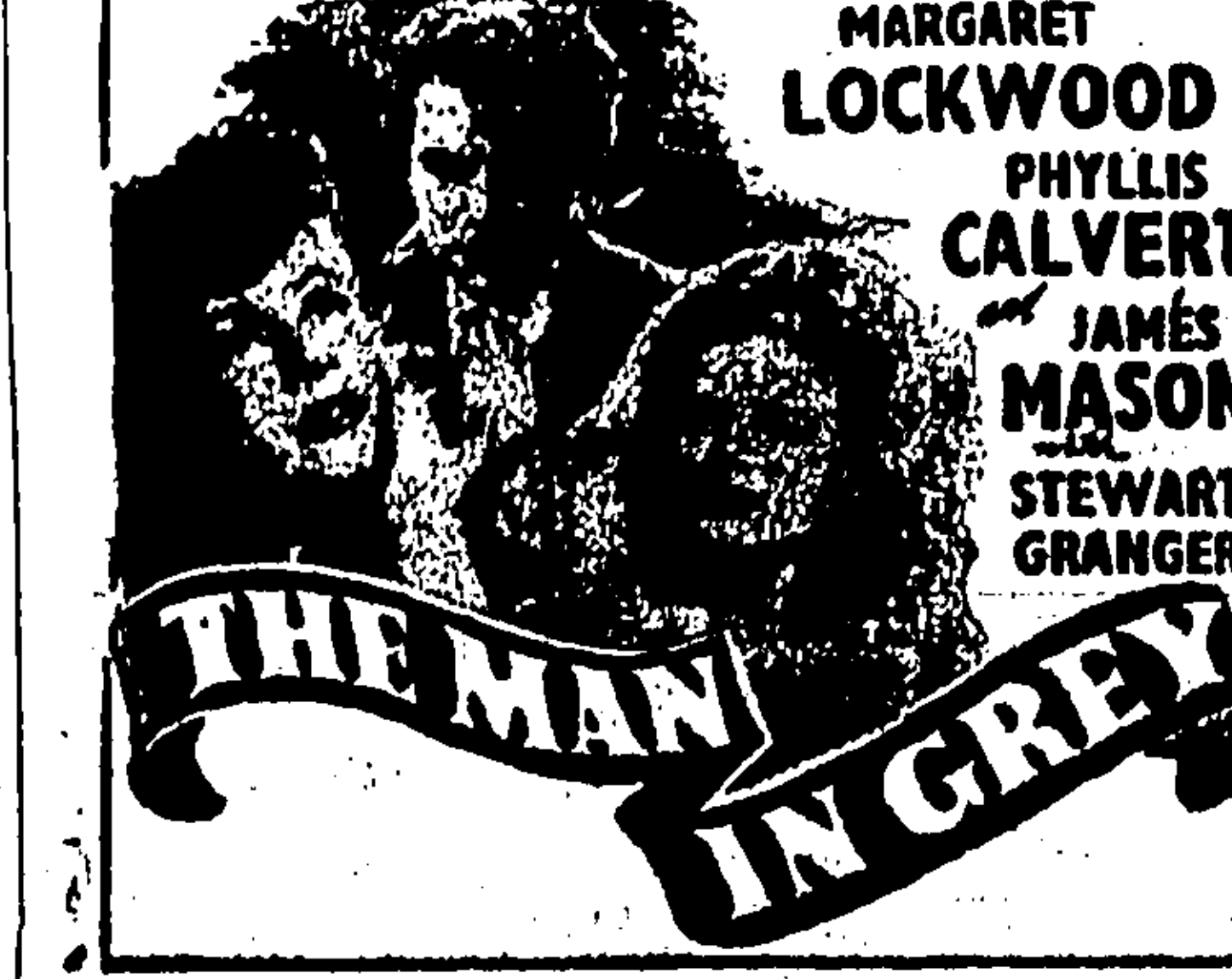
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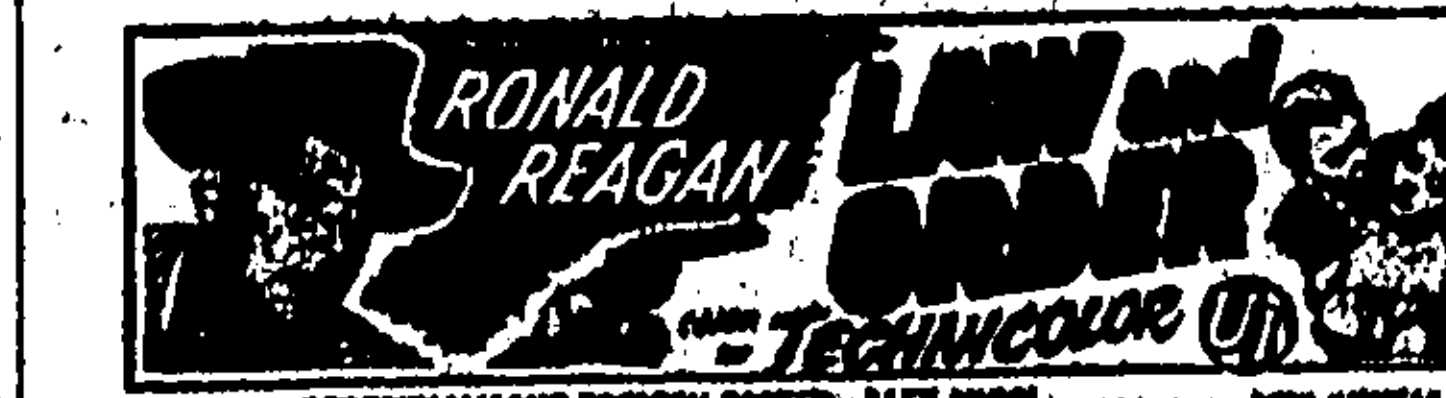
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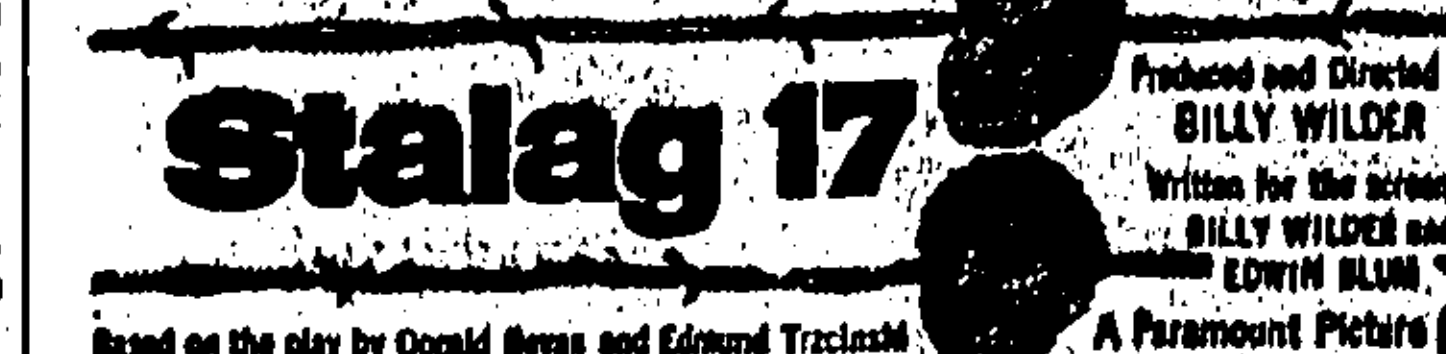


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INDIA'S ACTION AGAINST

AMERICA
Sequel To Aid
To PakistanOBSERVERS MAY HAVE
TO LEAVE KASHMIR

New Delhi, Mar. 1.

India is expected to demand the withdrawal of American members of the United Nations observation team in troubled Kashmir, following Mr. Nehru's declaration today that they could not be considered neutrals, after the United States had granted military aid to Pakistan.

Speaking on President Eisenhower's decision to send military equipment to Pakistan, the Indian Prime Minister said this aid was a form of intervention and therefore American observers could "no longer be treated by us as neutrals in this dispute, and hence their presence there appears to us improper."

Aid for Pakistan "creates a grave situation for India and for Asia," Mr. Nehru told the House of People. "It adds to our tensions and makes it much more difficult to solve the problems which have confronted India and Pakistan."

Officials declined to confirm or deny that India had already asked the United Nations Secretary General to withdraw American members of the team.

About 18 United States observers and five airmen are among the 54 members of the United Nations observer team in Kashmir. About a dozen are on the Indian side of the ceasefire line.

Answering President Eisenhower's offer to consider sympathetically the Indian request for aid, Mr. Nehru told the House of People: "If we object to military aid being given to Pakistan, we would be hypocrites and unprincipled opportunists to accept such aid ourselves."

Mr. Nehru said that among questions discussed for the last few years regarding Kashmir had been the strength of forces on the left on either side of the ceasefire line, with a view to having a plebiscite afterwards.

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

He stated: "Now that the whole issue has to be considered from an entirely different point of view when across the border, across the ceasefire line on the other side, additional forces are being thrust outside Pakistan and put at the disposal of Pakistan, it does make a difference."

India had no intention of surrendering or bartering her freedom for any purpose, or under any compulsion whatever, Mr. Nehru said.

Mr. Nehru said he had at no time challenged any individual's

or any country's motives. But one had to consider facts as they were.

"So far as President Eisenhower is concerned, I am convinced he bears no ill will to India, that he wishes well to India and that he will not take any step to injure India."

CERTAIN RESULTS

"It is not a question of motives but rather of certain results which inevitably follow certain actions. It had seemed to us, in regard to military aid to Pakistan, that the results are bound to be unfortunate."

Mr. Nehru said military aid to Pakistan is to be seen in the context of the repeated rejection of a no war pact which India had offered.

"I would welcome the strengthening of Pakistan economically and even militarily in the normal sense that they build themselves up. But this is not normal procedure and in so far as it upsets normalcy, it is a step away from peace."

The Pakistan Prime Minister was reported to have said that American aid would help to solve the Kashmir problem. Mr. Nehru said "that is an indication of the way his mind works and how he thinks this military aid might be used. Military aid is utilised in war or threat of war."

At another point Mr. Nehru referred to a reported statement to American Congress by Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Walter Robertson, that the United States must dominate Asia until Communist China broke up internally.

Mr. Nehru commented: "Whatever the objective may be, the Communist of Asia do not accept this policy and do not propose to be dominated by any country for whatever purpose."

WASHINGTON COMMENT
Washington, March 1.
A State Department spokesman said tonight if the Indian Prime Minister had any complaints to make regarding the composition of the Kashmir armistice commission he should make them to the United Nations.

The State Department spokesman said that the U.S. Government in the meantime had no comment to make on Mr. Nehru's statement, and that any Indian representation to the United Nations would probably be transferred to Washington through "diplomatic channels."

According to information available here there are 18 Americans on the Commission, whose total membership is 45. The other members include seven Australians, seven Canadians, three New Zealanders, one South African, two Danes, two Chileans and one Uruguayan.

—France-Press.

Home From
Russia

Italian Army Captain Frano Magnani, a prisoner of war recently released by the Russians, kisses the mother of a soldier who died in captivity at Udine, Italy, when he returned home from captivity in Soviet Russia. — Express Photo.

SUDDENLY HE STOPPED HIS CAR:

Soviet General
Forgot
To Shake Hands

Vienna, Mar. 1.

The Commander-in-Chief of Soviet troops in Austria today inspected British troops here for the first time since the war.

Susan Hayward Says

"He Threw Me
Into The
Swimming Pool"

Burbank, California.
Miss Susan Hayward, the film actress, wept in court as she described how her husband, Mr. Jess Barker, the actor, beat her and threw her into a swimming pool.

She was wearing only a bathrobe at the time "because I sleep in the raw," she explained.

Miss Hayward said the first time she came to the surface after being ducked she screamed.

Barker pushed her under again. "I thought he was going to kill me," she added.

She managed to crawl from the pool. Because her bathrobe was so heavy with water she discarded it.

Her husband then marched her indoors without clothes, despite the fact that they had guests.

Miss Hayward, who is 33, is petitioning for an order to restrain her 39-year-old husband from molesting her or her mother pending a divorce action.

TWO SPECIAL
EXHIBITS AT BIF

Two epic stories of contemporary British adventure will feature in the British Industries Fair this year, according to cable reports from London.

They are the historic conquest of Everest and the long and lonely Arctic research of the British North Greenland Expedition, both made possible by the enterprise of British manufacturers who supplied the material and equipment.

Behind both the Himalayan and Arctic exploits there is a story of ingenuity and design by British scientists and workers. The public spotlight will be turned on these "back-room boys" for the first time at the BIF.

In mounting the Everest exhibition at Earl's Court, the BIF have the support of the Royal Geographical Society. The British North Greenland Expedition Committee has given its blessing and co-operation to the Arctic feature, to be staged at Olympia.

At "Everest Court" and "North Greenland Court" exhibits from over 50 firms, ranging from scientific, medical and mechanical supplies to sports and leisure equipment, will be on display.

—France-Press.

Vietminh Have
Not Reached
Their Targets
Says Pleven

Paris, Mar. 1.

France's Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, said on his return from a one-month on-the-spot survey of the Indo-China situation tonight that the coming conference in Geneva was one of the dominant factors in the Indo-China situation.

M. Pleven, who returned by air with Secretary Pierre Chevalier, said two other dominant factors were the military developments in Indo-China and the Franco-Vietnam negotiations opening in Geneva next week "to perfect Vietnamese independence."

"Military it is incontestable that the Vietminh have so far not reached any of their essential targets."

He said during his trip he had particularly considered the gradual relieving of French forces by the Indo-Chinese national armies.

France would not be going without any "trump cards" to the Geneva conference, thanks to the efforts of her sons fighting in Indo-China, said M. Pleven.

PURE GUESSWORK

"Public opinion in the Associated States is divided between the desire for peace common to all peoples, and the fear of agreements which would not include solid and lasting guarantees."

M. Pleven said the views he and M. Chevalier had adopted after their survey could not be summed up in a few words as they had made no statement during their trip, and all reports of any conclusions they were supposed to have reached were pure guesswork.

Moreover, the Vietminh was constantly on the lookout for information.

Earlier reports said M. Pleven had brought home to Paris important new plans for defeating the Communist-led Vietminh rebels, and that the plans had been specifically designed to make the fullest possible use of American economic and military aid.—France-Press.

Vatican Clamps
Down On
Worker-Priests

Paris, Mar. 1.

A ten-year-old experiment by more than 100 French priests to spread Christianity among the working classes ended today on orders of the Vatican.

The "worker-priests" have been employed as factory hands, dock workers and coal miners to give them closer contact with industrial workers. From now on they may devote no more than three hours daily to manual tasks.

Limitation of their work was ordered after charges that some worker-priests had swung to Communism instead of winning converts to Christianity.

The Vatican order has caused considerable controversy in France among Church groups as well as laymen. The Dominican (Catholic) Order claim that eight million French working men and women have become "de-Christianised" and need missionary work.

Supporters of the Vatican stand reply that the Church's mission is to "keep Christianity alive where it exists."—Reuter.

Plan For London
Car Parks

A plan for building 210 million worth of multi-storeyed and underground garages has been approved by the London County Council according to London cables.

Eight London squares—Finsbury, Berkeley, Cavendish, Grosvenor, Leicester, Portman, St. James's and Soho—and Lincoln's Inn Fields were suggested for underground garages.

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1,500,000
Meals
For Alley Cats

Melbourne, Mar. 1.
Mrs. Frances Geddes, 70, a widow, estimates she has provided more than 1,500,000 meals for stray alley cats in the last 25 years.

Mrs. Geddes uses most of her old-age pension, plus small allowances from animal lovers, to buy the scraps of meat she throws to some 200 cats each night.

—United Press.

Ollenhauer
Wants
Guarantee
On EDC

Berlin, Mar. 1.

The President of the Western German Social Democratic Party, Herr Erich Ollenhauer said today German participation in the European Defence Community could take place only if a convention guaranteed that commitments made by the German Federal Republic would become void in the event of German unification.

Herr Ollenhauer was speaking at a public meeting in Berlin. He said: "It is not enough to have armies and soldiers to defend freedom. This is proved by the struggle waged in Berlin by the Social Democratic party against totalitarian Communism."

He further rejected allegations that his party was not immune against Communism. He was surprised that "those who were most violent against Bolshevism had no objection against Franco Spain becoming an ally of the free world."

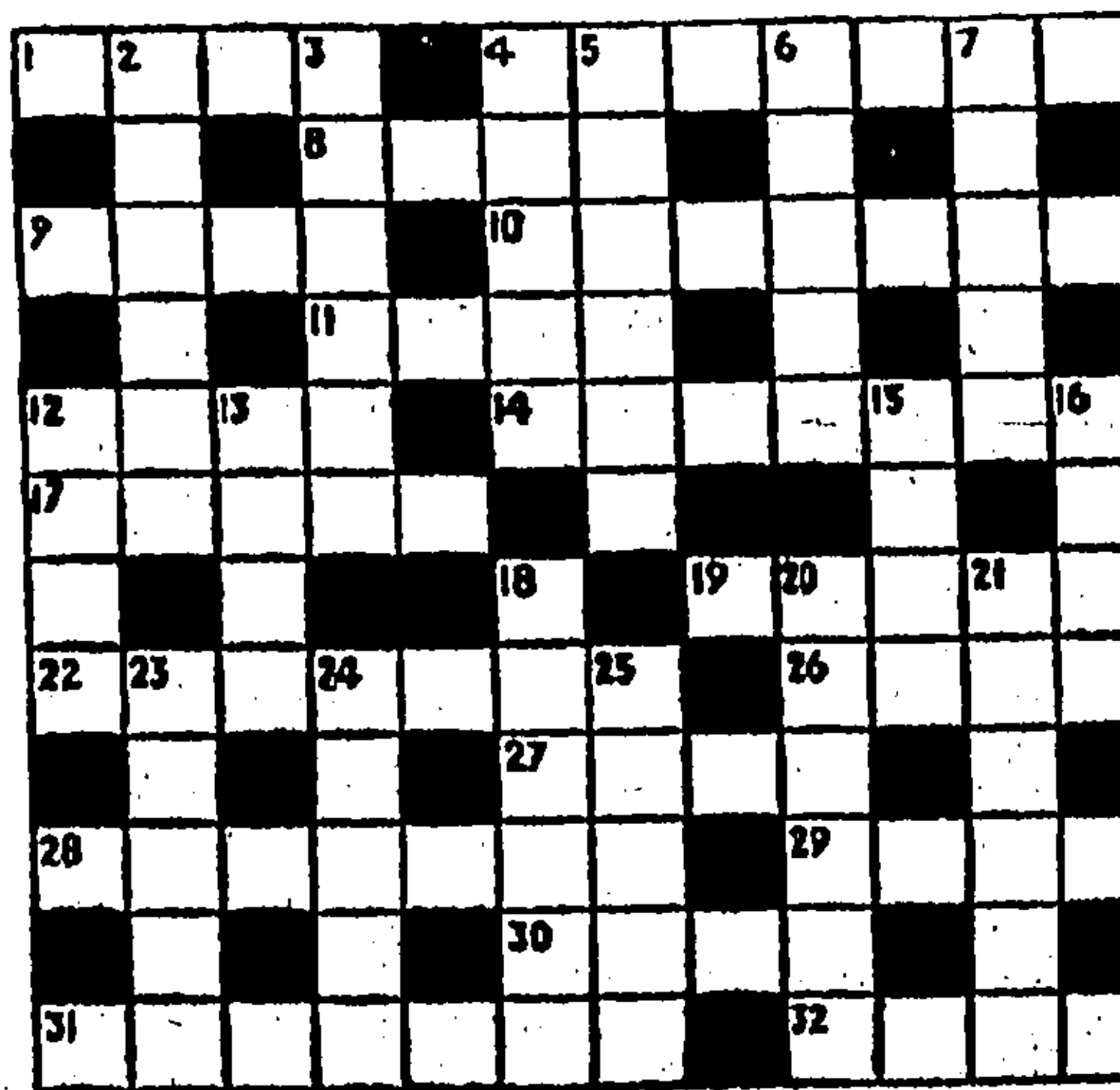
NO REAL DISCUSSION

Herr Ollenhauer said Germany should not become a "partner with a repressive" in the free world's defence community. He believed that no real discussion had taken place at the Berlin Foreign Ministers' Conference.

A successful negotiation on Germany, required examination of the complex question of free elections and European security with the participation of all Germany. He proposed that the security charter system follow the lines of the United Nations statutes.

He said the European Defence Community did not ensure the security of the Federal Republic specially in consideration of the charges which had occurred in world strategy. He said in any case the Federal Republic's contribution to the EDC should not make German reunification more difficult.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1 Serene (4).
4 Spans (7).
8 Clover (4).
9 Object of worship (4).
10 Incident (7).
11 Solitary (4).
12 Strangem (4).
14 Moved slowly (7).
17 Angry (3).
19 Poetry (5).
22 Bog (7).
26 Go in front (4).
27 Cereal (4).
28 Musician (7).
30 Pal (4).
32 Despatched (4).
33 Lady of title (7).
34 Cart-off (4).

- DOWN
2 Zeal (6).
3 Wooden hammer (6).
5 Mixture (5).
6 Iterate (6).
8 Given medicine (5).
9 Invent with (5).
12 Widespread (4).
13 Condemned (4).
15 Enlist (4).
16 Exploit (4).
18 Female (6).
20 Chooses (6).
21 Greet ceremoniously (6).
23 Ingenious (5).
24 Equestrian (5).
25 Wearies (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Repair, 5 Races, 8 Rated, 9 Credit, 10 Vogue, 11 Sinner, 12 Item, 13 Reins, 14 Busted, 15 Cursed, 16 Score, 17 Dump, 18 Banks, 19 Vase, 20 Lagger, 21 Shear, 22 Trile, 23 Defend, 24 Booms, 25 Roaches, 26 Plunge, 27 Ties, 28 Rattles, 29 Bayonet, 30 Adams, 31 Skull, 32 Sledge, 33 Impured, 34 Brashes, 35 Healed, 36 Unrest, 37 Chair, 38 Sore.

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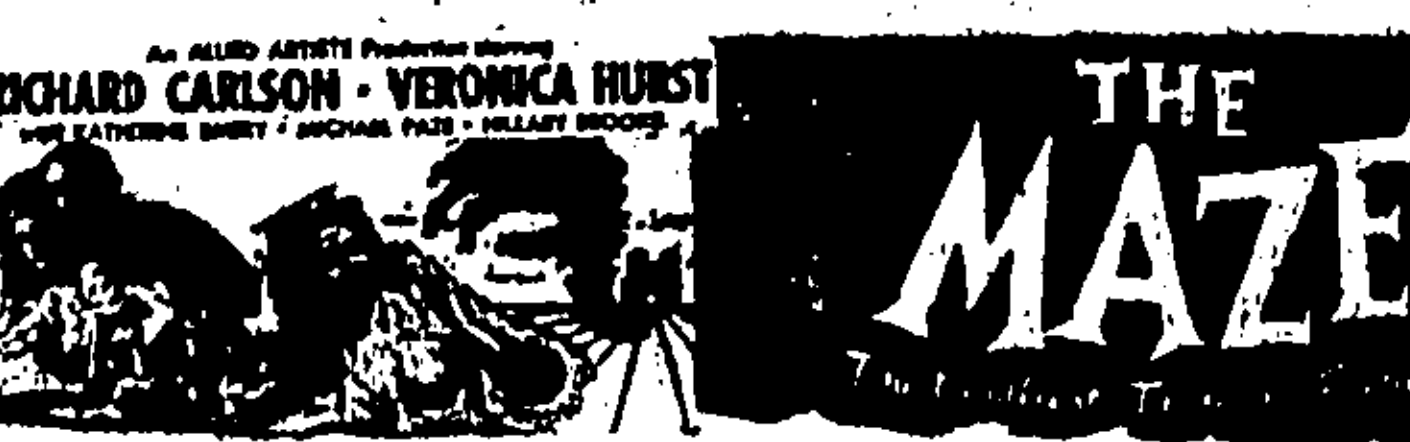
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WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Sherlock Holmes is investigating the mystery of the man who worships an umbrella he will never allow out of his sight. This man, a diamond-broker called Cableasure, is also suspected by his wife of having stolen diamonds from his partner. But when Holmes and Dr. Watson arrive at his house in the morning to intercept a secret meeting, they find that Inspector Lestrade of Scotland Yard is also investigating the mystery. Lestrade intercepts a milkman on his rounds. Then Mr. Cableasure makes an appearance at his front door, but he has evidently forgotten his umbrella. He goes back into the house—and disappears.

PART THREE

SLOWLY the sky strengthened to such wintry brightness that the two gaslit windows, which I have mentioned as glowing from an upper floor, were paled by the sun. Cautiously the search went on, with far more police constables than seemed necessary. At the end of a full hour, during which Holmes had not moved, Lestrade rushed out of the house. His face wore a look of horror which I know was reflected in my own.

"It's true, Mr. Holmes! His hat, his greatcoat, and his umbrella are lying just inside the front door. But—"

"Yes?"

"I'll take my oath that the villain's not hidden in the house, and yet they all swear he never left it either."

"Who is in the house now?"

"Only his wife. Last night, after I spoke with him, it seems he gave the servants a night off. Almost drove 'em out of the house, his wife says. Without a word of warning. They didn't much like it, some of 'em wondering where they would go, but they had no choice."

Holmes whistled.

"The wife!" said he. "By the way, how is it that through all this tumult we have neither seen nor heard Mrs. Gloria Cableasure? Is it possible that

Holmes Seemed To Rise Like A Lean Avenger

last night she was drugged? That she found herself growing irresistibly drowsy, and has only recently awakened?"

Lestrade fell back a step, as though from the eye of a sorcerer.

"Mr. Holmes, why do you think it was that?"

"Because it could have been nothing else."

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"Well, it's gospel truth. The lady is accustomed to drink a cup of hot meat-juice an hour before going to bed. That meat-juice last night was so doused with powdered opium that there are still traces in the cup," Lestrade's face darkened. "But the less I see of that lady, by George, the better I shall like it."

"At least she has made a good recovery, for I perceive her now at the window."

"Never mind her," said Mrs. Cableasure, "just tell me that thieving diamond-broker vanished slap under our eyes."

"Holmes," said I, "surely there is only one explanation. Mr. Cableasure departed by some secret way or passage."

"There's no such thing," shouted Lestrade.

The NEW Exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

"I quite agree," said Holmes. "That is a modern house, Watson, or at least one built within the last 20-odd years. Present-day builders, unlike their ancestors, seldom include a secret passage. But I cannot see, Lestrade, that there is any more I can do here."

"You can't leave now!"

"Not leave?"

"Not you may be a theorist and not practical, but I can't deny you've given me a bit of help once or twice in the past. If you can guess how a man vanished by a miracle, it's your duty as a citizen to tell me."

Holmes hesitated.

"Very well," said he. "There are reasons why I should prefer to be silent for the time being. But perhaps I may give you a hint. Had you thought of disguise?"

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FOR a time Lestrade gripped his hat with both hands. Abruptly he turned round and looked up at the window where Mrs. Cableasure contemplated nothing with a haughty superiority which seemed nothing could shake.

"By George," whispered Lestrade, "When I was here last night I never saw Mr. and Mrs. Cableasure together. That may account for the false moustache I found hidden in the hall. In only one person was in that house this morning, and one person is still there. That means—"

Now it was Holmes's turn to be taken aback.

"Lestrade, what has got into your head at this late date?"

"They can't deceive me. If Mr. Cableasure is the same person as Mrs. Cableasure, if he or she simply walked out of the house in man's clothes and then walked back in again—I see it all now!"

"Lestrade! Stop! Wait!"

"We have female searchers in these days," said Lestrade, "and they'll soon prove whether it's a lady or a gentleman."

"Holmes," cried I, "can this monstrous theory possibly be true?"

"Nonsense, Watson."

"Then you must restrain Lestrade. My dear fellow," I expostulated presently, as Mrs. Cableasure disappeared from the window and a piercing female shriek indicated that Lestrade had imparted the intelligence of what he proposed to do, "this is unworthy of you. Whatever we may think of the lady's manners, especially in commanding you to be here in a sober condition, you must spare her the indignity of an enforced visit to the police station!"

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"Yet I am not at all sure," said he, thoughtfully, "that the lady would be greatly harmed by such an enforced visit. Indeed, it may serve to teach her a salutary lesson. Don't argue, Watson. I have an errand for you."

"But—"

"I must pursue certain lines of inquiry which may take all day. Meanwhile, since my address is readily accessible to anyone, I feel sure that the conscientious Mr. Mortimer Brown will send me a certain telegram. Therefore I would be grateful, Watson, if you would wait at our rooms and open the telegram should it arrive before my return."

Lestrade's mood must have been contagious. Otherwise I know not why I should have rushed back in such a hurry to Baker Street, shouting to the cab driver that I would give him a guinea if he took me there in an hour.

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But the anticipated telegram from Mr. Mortimer Brown found me discussing mid-day dinner, and added a fresh shock. It read:

"Regret my too-expeditious departure this morning. Must state openly that I am and have always been only a nominal partner of Cableasure and Brown, whose assets belong entirely to Mr. James P. Cab-

pleasure. My telegraphed inquiry as to the 20 diamonds in the Cowley-Derringham purchase was caused by caution in making certain he had brought these diamonds safely home. If he had the diamonds, he had a perfect right to take them—Harold Mortimer Brown."

Then James Cableasure was not a thief! But, if he had not meant to fly the law, I was at a loss to account for his behaviour. It was seven o'clock that night, and I heard Holmes' familiar tread on the stairs, when inspiration came to me. "Pray enter," cried I as the knob turned, "for I have found

the only possible explanation at last!"

Flung open the door, Holmes glanced quickly round, and his face fell.

"What is there no visitor? Yet, perhaps I am premature; yes, premature. My dear Watson, I apologise. What were you saying?"

"If Mr. Cableasure had in fact vanished," said I, "as he scanned the telegram, 'It would have been the miracle Lestrade called it. But miracles do not happen in the nineteenth century. Holmes, our diamond-broker only seemed to vanish. He was there all the time, but we did not observe him.'"

"Because he had disguised himself as a police-constable."

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Holmes, who was in the act of hanging up his cape and coat, turned round with his dark brows drawn together.

"Continued," said he.

"In this very room, Holmes, Mrs. Cableasure said that her husband's moustache made him resemble a constable. We know him to be a fine mimic, with a reprehensible sense of humour. To procure a fancy dress policeman's uniform would have been easy. After the misdirection with which he walked from the house and walked back again, he then put on the uniform. In the half-light, with so many constables about, he went unobserved until he could escape."

"Excellent, Watson! It is only when I have been with Lestrade that I learn to value you. Very good indeed! The solution?"

"It is simple, I fear, quite good enough. Mrs. Cableasure also said, if you recall, that her husband was of medium height and had no more figure than a hop-pole, by which she meant he was thin or lanky. That this was a fact I proved today by many photographs of him in the drawing-room at Happiness Villa. He could not have simulated the height or the beef of a Metropolitan policeman."

"But mine is the last possible explanation!"

"I think not. There is only one person who meets our requirements of height and figure, and that person—"

"The visitor, the step upon the stair, the touch of drama which I cannot resist! Who will open that door, Watson? Who will open the door?"

The door opened. Clad in evening clothes, with cape and hat, our visitor stood upon the threshold. I found myself looking incredulously at a long, clean-shaven, familiar face.

"Good evening, Mr. Alf Peters," said Holmes. "Or should I say—Mr. James Cableasure?"

Realization smote me like a blow and I all but staggered.

"I must congratulate you," continued Holmes, with sternness, "your impersonation of the persecuted milkman was admirably done. I recall a similar case at Riga in 1876, and it is faintly reminiscent of an impersonation by a Mr. James Windbank in '88; but certain features here are unique. The subject of removing a heavy moustache for changing a man's appearance, especially in making him look younger, is one to which I may devote a monograph. Instead of assuming a moustache for disguise, you took yours off."

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"When he was dressed in evening clothes, our visitor's face showed as mobile and highly intellectual, with dancing brown eyes which crinkled at the corners as though he might smile. But, far from smiling, he was desperately worried."

"What was he?" said I in a pleasant and well-modulated voice.

"You gave me a very bad moment, Mr. Holmes, when I sat on that milk-wagon outside my own house and I observed that suddenly you saw through my whole plan. Why did you refrain from unmasking me?"

"I wished first to hear what you had to say for yourself, unembarrassed by the presence of Lestrade."

"James Cableasure," Mr. Alf

pleasure, said he, "was not difficult to trace you through the Parity Milk Company, or to send you the judiciously worded telegram which has brought you here. A photograph of James Cableasure with moustache eliminated, shown to your employer, disclosed the fact that he was the same man as one Alfred Peters, who six months ago applied for a post with the milk company and obtained two days' leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday.

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"Afterwards," said Holmes, "it was not difficult to trace you through the Parity Milk Company, or to send you the judiciously worded telegram which has brought you here. A photograph of James Cableasure with moustache eliminated, shown to your employer, disclosed the fact that he was the same man as one Alfred Peters, who six months ago applied for a post with the milk company and obtained two days' leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Yesterday, in this room, your wife informed us that on Tuesday you 'returned' from an

unheard-of six months' absence in Amsterdam and Paris. That was suggestive. Taken together with your curious conduct as regards the umbrella—which you did not prize when you purchased it, but only when you had decided on your plan—and our incredible statement that the umbrella would be the death of you, it already suggested a hoax or imposture designed to deceive your wife."

"Sir, let me tell you—"

"One moment. Shaving off your moustache, for six months you drove that milk-wagon, and I have no doubt you enjoyed it. On Tuesday you 'returned' as James Cableasure. I find that Messrs. Clark & Co., the wig-makers, supplied you with a real-hair duplicate of your lost moustache. In dark winter weather or by gaslight it would deceive your wife, since the lady takes small interest in you and we know you occupy separate rooms."

"Quite deliberately you acted in a violently suspicious manner. On Tuesday night you staged that sinister scene with a non-existent 'follow-a-conspirator' outside a window, hoping to drive your wife into those vigorous measures which you believed she was certain to take. On Wednesday night the visit of Inspector Lestrade, who is perhaps not the most subtle of men, told you that there would be witnesses for your projected disappearance and that it was safe to go ahead. Dismissing the servants and nudging your wife, you left the house."

"This morning, hatless and without a greatcoat, you had the effrontery—don't smile, sir!—to drive the milk-wagon straight up to your house, where in that pitch-dark entry you played the part of two men."

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"DESCEND—ING from the wagon, you disappeared into the entry as the milkman. Inside, already prepared, lay the 20 costly and negotiable diamonds. I had hoped to found a new life as James Phillimore, free of a blasted silly name. But I have been defeated by a master strategist, so do what you like."

"No, no," said Holmes, blandly. "Already you have made one bad blunder, though I was deplorably late in seeing it. When a milk-wagon is driven to the front door instead of to the tradesmen's entrance the foundations of our social world are rocked. If I am to help you in forming this new life—"

"If you are to help me?"

"Then you must not be betrayed by a real name of which someone is sure to be aware. From diplomatic necessity, until the day you die, Watson shall call the problem of your disappearance unsolved. Assume that Mr. James Phillimore must never more be seen in this world!"

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"You made a bad mistake when you hid that false moustache in the hall. Still, the police might have found it when they searched you. This called miracle was possible because you very deliberately had accustomed your wife and her acquaintances to your worship of that umbrella. In reality, you cherished the umbrella because your plans could not have succeeded without it."

Sherlock Holmes, though he had been speaking curtly and without beat, seemed to rise up like a lean avenger.

"Now, Mr. James Cableasure, stand up! You were unphased by your wife and wished to

leave her. But why could you not leave her only, with a legal separation, and not this mummery of a disappearance into nowhere?"

Our guest's fair-complexioned face went red.

"So I should have," he burst out, "if Gloria had not been already married when she married me."

"I beg your pardon?"

"Mr. Cableasure made a grimace, with a sudden vivid flash of personality, which showed what he might have accomplished as a comic actor.

"Oh, you can prove it easily enough. Since she longs to go back to her real husband—never mind who he is; it's an august name—I'm afraid Gloria wants to be rid of me, preferably by seeing me in jail. But I can earn money, whereas the august personage is too lazy to try, and Gloria's patience has become intolerant."

"By Jove, Watson!" muttered Holmes. "This is not too surprising. It supplies the last link. Did I not say that somewhere in its vast programme a traitor may appear? What precisely, then, is being done to prevent this?"

By Adrian Conan Doyle and John Dickson Carr



"I must congratulate you on your impersonation," said Holmes.

GORDON DEAN'S REPORT ON ATOMIC PROGRESS: CONCLUDING INSTALMENT

Guarding Our Secrets

SECURITY and secrecy are not synonymous. The first is an ultimate objective of the country, the latter simply one method used, and sometimes abused, in achieving it. But security in the narrower sense—the protection of our secrets from theft and our property from harm—deserves a chapter in this series because it is one important means by which we try to achieve total security, and because one out of every four employees in the Atomic Energy Commission, one out of every 25 of our contractors' employees, and probably as much as one out of every twenty dollars spent on operation of the atomic energy programme are devoted in one way or another to maintaining it.

In addition, last year it required about 325 men years of investigatory work on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Three Parts

In general, what the Commission is trying to do with its security programme is to protect that information, developed in the laboratories and processing facilities, which would strengthen the atomic might of an unfriendly power. In World War II we sought to keep this information from a Germany that had launched upon an atomic energy programme of her own. Today we seek, in the final analysis, to keep such information from the Soviet Union—and with very good reason.

Roughly, atomic security falls into three main parts. First, personnel security—the protection of the programme against untrustworthy people; second, physical security—the protection of our plants and laboratories against sabotage, theft, and vandalism; and third, document security—the protection of our secret papers against theft and unfriendly eyes.

Personnel security poses the most difficult problem of all—how to keep even a single rotten apple from entering the AEC barrel. So far the Commission has been fortunate. Since the civilian Commission assumed its duties in January 1947, no person in the programme has been charged with disloyalty, much less arrested, indicted, or convicted.

In spite of every precaution the Commission may take, however, the law of averages suggests very strongly that somewhere in its vast programme a traitor may appear. What precisely, then, is being done to prevent this?

Investigations

First of all, the law requires that every employee of the Commission, and every employee of the Commission's contractors who has access to restricted data (information relating to the production of fissionable material and the making of weapons), shall be investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or by the new investigatory office of the Civil Service Commission, as to his character, his associations, and his loyalties.

Each of these investigations takes from 55 to 100 days, depending upon the background of the prospective employee, and each costs an average of about \$200. In fiscal year 1952 there were nearly 100,000 such investigations, and when the files were examined by the AEC's security people about one percent of the persons involved in these cases were denied employment because of derogatory information that was turned up.

The Commission early set up its own criteria for the selection of people for employment in the atomic energy programme. In general, these criteria are designed to exclude people who are considered to be bad security risks for any of the following reasons: disloyalty, bad or irresponsible character, bad or dangerous associations.

Physical security of our plants and laboratories is primarily maintained to prevent sabotage where sabotage would be really costly, and to prevent theft of materials and documents of a few managed to slide by in value—much the same reasons the selection process, but they have been fired as soon as discovered. From one of these our stores of plutonium, and uranium-235 naturally require the highest and the tightest security for they not only have great value intrinsically, but the opportunities for blackmail once seized, could be turned against us in the form of being approached by a blackmailer, but I have feared what I would do if I had feared that I let them in, Mr. Chairman."

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Blackmail Risk

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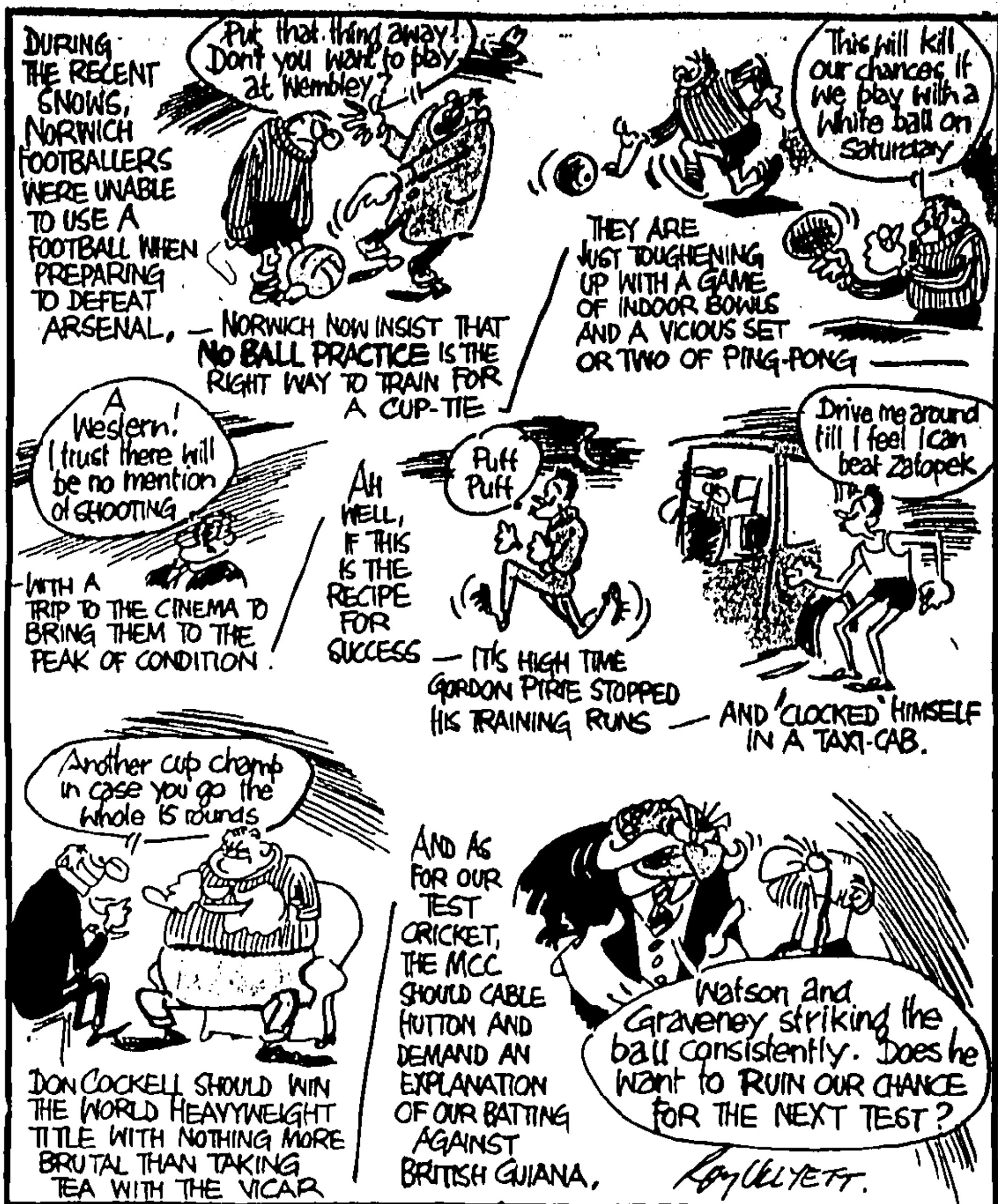
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HAROLD MAYES Talking Sport

REFEREES LOOK FOR STIFFER PENALTIES

"Once again the all-powerful Football Association has shown that it is frightened of the Football League clubs, who, in their attitude to the game, are undoubtedly ruining football."

Strong words, those. Whose are they? They were voiced to me by a famous referee after he had learned of the action taken by an FA Commission dealing with players who had been sent off the field for misconduct in a recent game.

Make no mistake about it, the idea is growing in many circles close to football that the Football Association is more scared of offending the League clubs than anything else.

And the referees, those chaps who have to attempt to keep cool and calm while everyone around them might be going haywire, have for a long time been voicing the opinion that when they get tough, as they are so often exhorted to do by those in high places, they don't get the backing they feel they have every right to expect.

"Frankly, when we see the reports of Commission of Inquiry

and of the FA Disciplinary Committee we are usually disgusted at the trivial punishment meted out," said my informant.

"For many years the FA, in their memoranda to referees, and in talks by their officials to referees' societies, have urged officials to take strong action against players who offend against the common code of sportsmanship on the field.

COUNTIES TOUGHER

"They have, in fact, at times gone so far as to accuse referees of being weak in this direction. That's fine, provided that we get the necessary backing. But if you examine the findings you'll have to agree that more often than not county Football associations punish players far more severely for much lesser offences than the penalties the high and mighty body hands out to League club men.

"Quite recently, in Kent, a player was suspended sine die for abusing a referee. Yet when a Football League man does something similar, what does he get? Just seven days' suspension!"

Somewhat, when you realise that players, referees and club officials can be suspended for life for taking part in Sunday football or for something as harmless as filling in a football pools coupon, seven days for something which brings the game into far more disrepute is hardly comparable, is it?

Just as on the one hand referees insist that, the FA panders to Football League clubs, so you'll get many others telling you that a deliberate blind eye is turned to the doings of some of the leading "amateur" clubs.

I can tell you of a certain amateur club in one of the highly-rated amateur leagues not a million miles from London which coaxes players to join its

banks by the promise of payment of liberal expenses.

CASH-PLUS BASIS

But that isn't all. If hard cash isn't a sufficient amateur inducement, they are told that county honours are easy to come by, as certain club officials contend that they have considerable influence in the selection of the county side.

Since it happens to be a fashionable club, the possibility of international honours is something which also weighs heavily in helping a player to make up his mind.

How do I know? Because one player, already given a county place, is openly boasting that next season he expects more and higher honours, and more expenses—or he will be on the move again.

Great stuff this amateur football!

Guarding Our Secrets

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less effort—fewer fences, fewer guards, and less money. The day we lose sight of this is the day we will weigh ourselves down with the armour of security to the point where it will seriously hamper our work. Security, therefore, is not an abstract problem, but a very real, a very practical, a very specific, and a very fluid problem.

I recall one instance some time ago when a gentleman who was a member of Congress became concerned about the effort the Commission was making to keep track of fissionable materials. He thought it might be improved. As I remember, his conversation with one of the members of the Commission staff went something like this: "Do you really know exactly how much fissionable material you have in process in that plant?"

"We have a good idea, since we know how much we put in." "But do you know how much is actually in process in the plant?"

"No. It doesn't come out until many months later. We'd have to shut the plant down to find out, and that would take time, and production would be lost."

"Well, suppose you shut the plant down once every month and took inventory, just exactly how many days of production would you lose each month?"

"About forty-five."

I told this story only to give an extreme example of a place where a line had to be drawn because the cost of security far exceeded the value.

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IP BEATS DAO 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4

ONE OF THE GREATEST TENNIS MATCHES EVER SEEN ON A LOCAL COURT

By "ARGONAUT"

Yesterday's semi-final of the Colony Grasscourt Open Singles Championship, which resulted in Ip Koon-hung, five times winners of the title, triumphing over his South China clubmate K. C. Dao by 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 and 6-4 and qualifying to play Edwin Tsai in the final could easily go down in history as one of the greatest matches seen on a local court.

It saw during the four sets a delightful display of aggressive tennis by a vastly improved Ip, who not only produced a more confident and masterful touch and greater power to his wide repertoire of strokes but also a wide array of newly-acquired strokes.

His modified first service, particularly the outlawing from the right court, was a winner on a number of occasions and the backhand cross-court drop volley and forehand short-cross drive have now become two more lethal weapons in his armoury.

His coverage of the net was more complete and only in his forcing drives, though improved in power and length, did Ip leave room for more accuracy.

OF THE GAMEST

If the match saw a tremendously improved Ip reaching new heights, it also found its fiercest opponent in the Colony's tennis history.

Ip opened with blistering services, drives and volleys and in almost a twinkling had served two love games and taken a lead of 3-0.

A quick and early finish to the match was the expectation of practically the whole crowd except Dao himself.

Fighting back valiantly, he kept on sending back well-nigh irretrievable shots and from then on not only made his opponent really earn every point but also fell into repeated errors at different stages of the game.

Though handicapped by lack of forcing strokes, Dao made up for this to a great extent with his accurate placement shots and time and again turned defence into attack with neat soft and spinning short cross-court passing shots and lobbs.

That Ip was forced to put up his best for two and half hours and his exceptional best during certain stages of each set, particularly in the ninth game of the last set, before subduing

himself with a storming game to win by a love score.

Dao was seen in one of his best spells in the next game when he neatly passed Ip at the net with three successive shots and again drew level at 4-4 when Ip missed a sitter at the net.

Forcing drives followed by overhead smashes gave Ip a 30-love lead in the ninth game and, after being passed at the net once by Dao, he took the game with an overhead smash and a backhand side-line volley.

Dao opened the tenth game with a double fault but three successive errors by Ip put Dao to a 40-15 lead which, however, proved to be of no avail as Ip set himself grimly to the task and, after forcing the game to deuce, clinched the game and set in 18 minutes with a forehand cross-volley and a passing lob to a drop retrieve.

THE GAME

Ip opened the service and immediately staged an all-out offensive game, taking the first set comfortably by a love score with blistering follow-up volleys.

Dao benefited from two errors by Ip to lead 30-15 on his service but failed to stop Ip taking the game by 60-30.

Another love game went to Ip on his service to take him to a 3-0 lead.

Dao's fighting qualities became evident in the fourth game. On his service, he took the first point after withstanding a series of blistering drives by Ip to both flanks of the court and passing him with a soft backhand passing cross-shot.

Ip drew level at 30-30 only to be passed again with a backhand side-line slice. An over-drive by Ip gave Dao his first game in the match.

Ip took a 30-love lead in the fifth game with an ace and an overhead but a volleying and a drop error on his part and a passing lob and a retrieve to a drop shot by Dao ended the game in Dao's favour.

A succession of errors by Ip in the sixth game brought the score level at 3-3, but on his next service Ip again asserted

himself with a storming game to win by a love score.

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SECOND SET

Dao held Ip to a 30-30 score on Ip's service in the opening game of the second set. A fast backhand passing drive caught Ip napping, but within game point Dao overlobbed and Ip held his service game with a forehand follow-up volley and an ace.

Dao served his second double-fault to open the second game but at 30-30 had the better of Ip in a base-line duel, to lead by 40-30. An almost irretrievable drop by Ip at the net boomeranged when Dao swooped down from seemingly nowhere and countered with a short backhand cross shot to take the game.

Four successive errors by Ip enabled Dao to win the third game at love and take the lead of 2-1 for the first time in the match.

Playing an inspired game, Dao was in his element when Ip dropped back to the base in the fourth game. Forcing Ip into errors, Dao built up a 2-1 lead. Ip came back with a net game to win the fifth, but Dao evoked some surprise when he took the offensive in the sixth game and repeatedly approached the net to score with overhead smashes and passing volleys.

He forged ahead to 4-2 and although games went with services up to 4-5, Dao managed to clinch the set in 22 minutes on his service after being held to two deuces.

THIRD SET

Games went with the services in the third set until 4-4 when Dao, who was kept on the run about three times more than Ip, showed signs of tiring. Ip wasted no time in seizing the opportunity and after serving through a love game easily broke through Dao's service game to win the third set by 6-4.

In took a 2-0 and 3-1 lead in the fourth set. At this stage Dao seemed to have got back his second wind and gradually drew level to 3-3.

Ip forged ahead to 4-3 on his service, but Dao refused to give way in the next crucial game. Fighting back from 15-40 he forced the game to deuce and held it after two deuces.

Ip showed signs of tiring at this stage and put everything he had into the next game to win by 60-15.

Dao, even in the face of defeat, put up a strong stand in the next game. From 10-15 and 15-30 he drew level to 30-30, but two sizzling follow-up volleys by Ip were too fast for him and the match ended with Ip the winner by 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 and 6-4.

Ip's time on February 20 was at first disallowed because of wind assistance. But an amendment to the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, now being prepared, says that the effect of wind assistance shall not be considered when the United are run on circular tracks, where wind hindrance is one part of the game, usually counting. The amendment is given at another part.

Victoria declared at 401 for seven in reply to South Australia's first innings total of 818.

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Supported to win £7,000, Arctic Slave closed at 100-7. At the first callover nearly a month ago, Arctic Slave was a 28-1 chance. Douglas Smith rides him on March 24.

Lord Rosbery's Swashbuckler was another Lincolnshire horse in demand. He shortened to 100-5. A week ago he was offered at 22-1.

The Irish horse Conyburrow was bet backed for the Grand National, being supported to win £20,000.

Churchtown, another Irish-trained jumper, attracted win and place bets and was clipped to 22-1.

CLOSING OFFERS
Lincolnshire Handicap (March 24)
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25-1 Ambassador's Court, Harry Lime and Postman's Path.
28-1 Brawny Scot.
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40-1 Chivalry and Dover Light.
Grand National (March 27)
10-1 Irish Lizard.
100-9 Conyburrow.
18-1 Royal Tan.
22-1 Churchtown.
25-1 Ordinance, Regal Joy and Tudor Line.
33-1 Queen's Taste, Mont Tremblant, Gentle Moys and Wat No Star.
40-1 Storm Heat and Southern Copy.
China, Mad Special.

Underwater Club To Be Formed Here

An association of underwater fishermen and explorers, to be known as the Hongkong Underwater Club, is to be formed in the Colony. An inaugural meeting will be held in the Committee Room of the European YMCA, Kowloon, on March 8 at 5.30 p.m.

The provisional aims of the Club are:

To promote and encourage underwater fishing and exploration for the love of the sport, health and recreational benefits.

To arrange such demonstrations, talks, and training programmes as will assist beginners in learning the safe and scientific use of harpoon, guns and other underwater equipment.

To frame such rules as will ensure the safety at all times of members participating in Club activities.

To encourage sensible conservation of fish and crustaceans.

To abide by local legislation governing the use of harpoon guns.

To promote good fellowship and co-operation between members by practising the sport together in a spirit of mutual assistance.

To encourage the sport as a potential source of scientific knowledge and act as a clearing house for such observations and studies as members may from time to time report.

To discourage the sale of fish taken for commercial profit.

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Notice of General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Alexandra House, 8th Floor, on Tuesday 23rd March 1954, at 5.30 p.m. to receive the Report of the Committee for the year ended 31st December 1953, and to approve the Accounts and to transact such other business as may be necessary according to the Constitution of the Society.

By Order of the Executive Committee,
(Mrs.) I. M. HALLIGAN,
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1954.

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Karachi, Mar. 2. A long drawn-out "battle of the farm" has started in Pakistan as Japanese, British, European and American industrialists strive to capture the lion's share of the country's vast agriculture development programme.

Faced ten months ago with acute famine conditions as a result of the failure of rains and poor crop yields, the Government launched an energetic grow-more-food campaign embracing every province. Archaic methods of cultivation were discarded in an effort to achieve quick results and the country turned to mechanised cultivation.

Financed mainly by Government loans and co-operatives, powerful tractors are replacing the bullock in the fields, while in the vast uncultivated areas, bulldozers and earth-moving machinery are breaking the silence of the desert as Government engineers construct new dams, irrigation canals and power stations to expand agriculture.

A large proportion of machinery imports into the country is in the form of farm and earth-moving equipment and it is to capture this fertile market that Japanese industrialists have entered the field against the British, Continental and American concerns.

British, American and some Continental firms are already in the field and expanding rapidly. A two-men Austrian team is also currently touring the country demonstrating an improved system which has been approved for Government contracts.

FIFTY FIRMS

Against this competition, the Japanese have planned to launch their drive with a huge exhibition of farm and cottage industrial machinery.

Sponsored jointly by the Japanese Government and the Council of International Affairs, the exhibition is now at Karachi, and will later move to Lyallpur, the agricultural capital of the Punjab.

Fifty leading Japanese firms are exhibiting their goods, 22 of

these have sent out their own demonstration teams so that prospective purchasers may have the benefit of expert opinion from a technical consultants office which has been set up recently.

The organisers have catered for over 50,000 interested spectators in Karachi and an equal number in Lyallpur.

IMPORTANT FUNCTION

An important function of the fair is to counteract the unsatisfactory working of the deferred payments system for the importation of heavy capital goods by Pakistan.

The trade agreement between the two countries signed last April had established a system for deferred payments but Pakistan importers say prices of capital goods purchased under this scheme are much higher than those against cash payment.

The exhibition will put before its country a large variety of small machinery at low prices which could easily be bought against cash payment. Thus Japanese industrialists hope to offset drawbacks of the deferred payments system and develop the supply of farm and cottage machinery to a high degree. Quick deliveries and low prices could make this a most successful effort—China Mail Special.

Man Killed By Avalanche

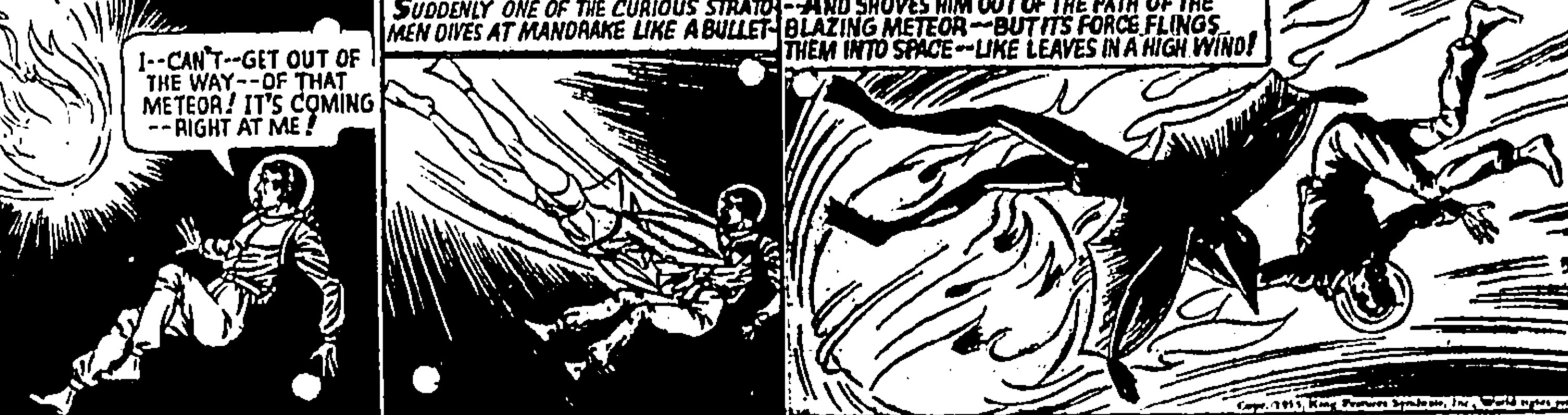
Oslo, Mar. 1.

A Norwegian road worker was killed near Bjukan, in central southern Norway, today when an avalanche swept a snow-plough on top of him.

Two other workers buried under the snow were rescued unharmed.—Reuter.

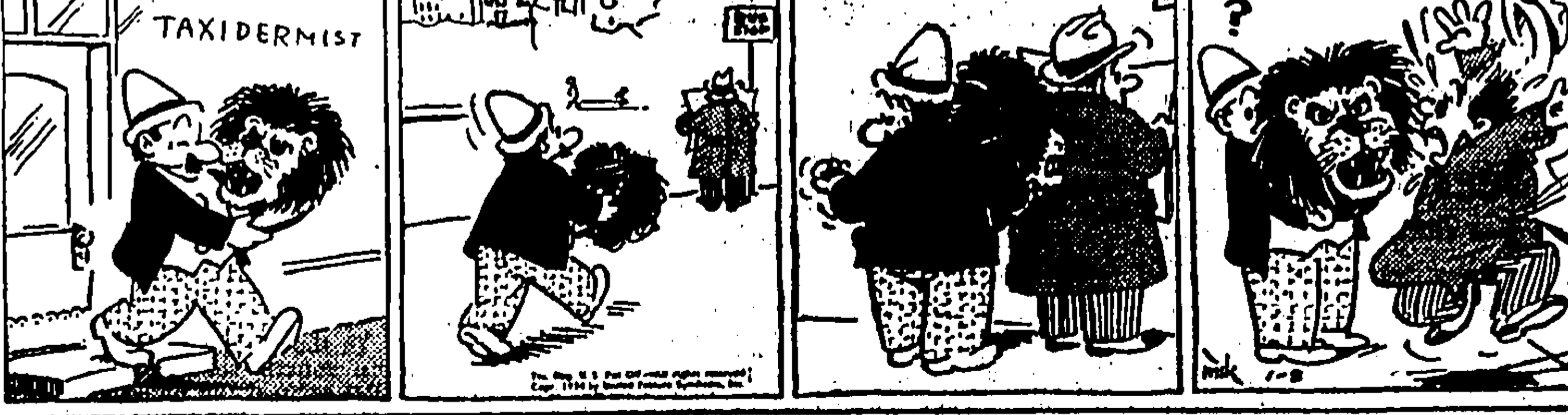
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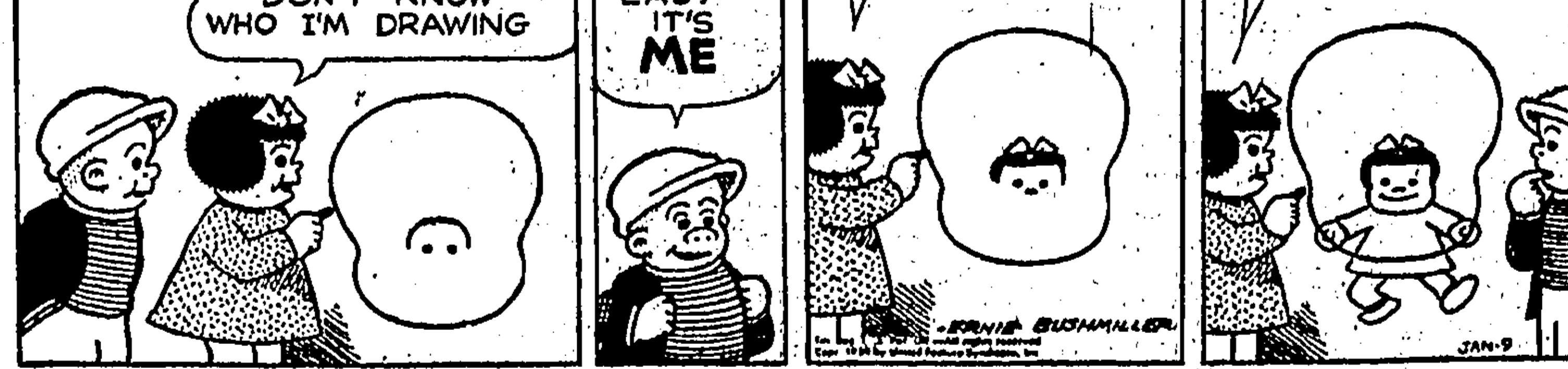
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Canada's Migrants Near Million Mark

Ottawa, Mar. 2. Some time before this spring Canada expects to welcome the 1,000,000th immigrant to the Dominion since the end of the second World War.

No. 1,000,000 may well be a child, as the Canadian Government is making a special effort to bring the families of immigrants who have already settled, experience having proved that re-united families make the happiest citizens and the best workers.

In 1953, 168,000 immigrants were officially admitted, and the unofficial target for 1954 is about the same figure, depending upon the country's ability to absorb newcomers into employment.

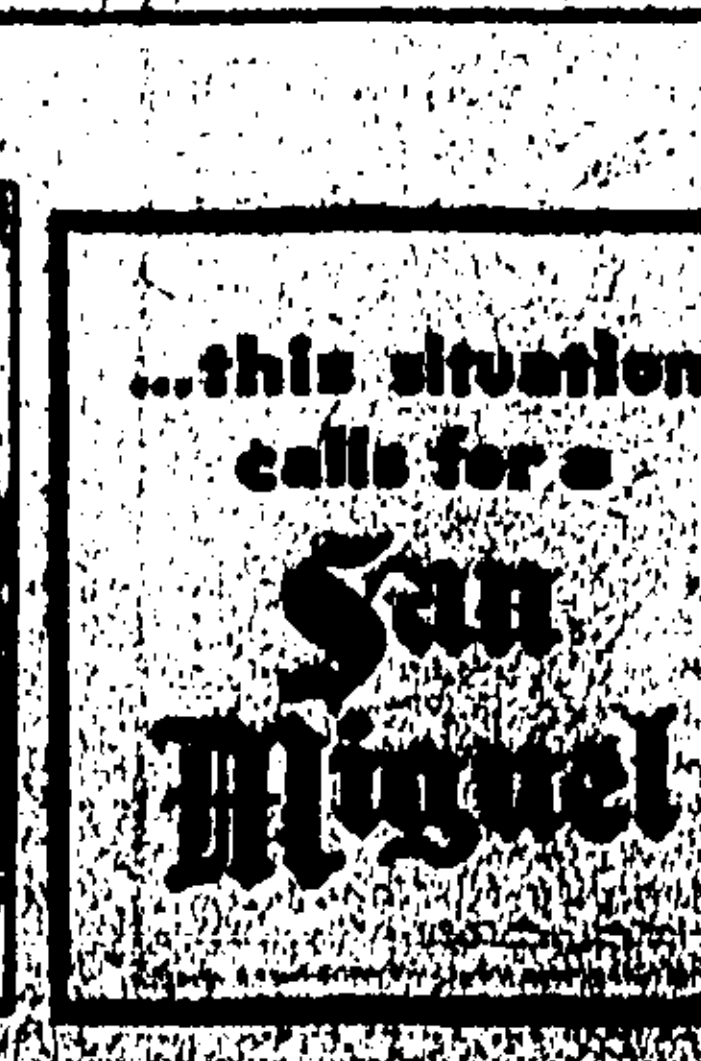
Last year 47,000 immigrants were brought from Britain, representing an increase of 10 per cent over the previous year. By birth they were: English, 26,300; Irish, 7,500; Scottish, 10,300; and Welsh, 846.

FROM ALL OVER From the United States, 9,879 people moved to Canada during the year.

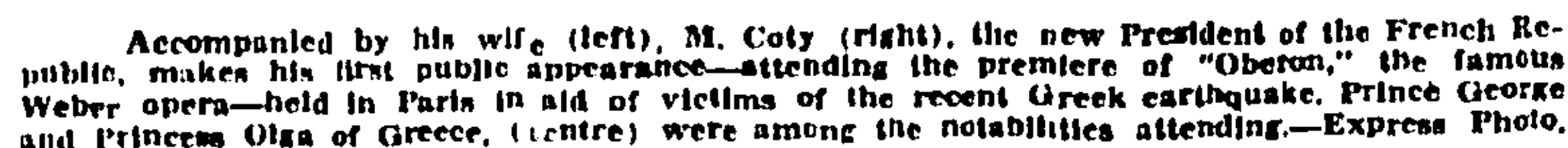
North Europe provided the largest contingent, 68,000, of whom 25,000 were Germans; 20,000 Dutch; 2,100 French; 3,500 Austrians; Small contingents came from other countries, but there were considerable numbers of Polish people, 3,100; Jewish, 3,500; Yugoslav, 2,000; Greek, 2,000; and Chinese, 2,000. From Italy came one of the largest groups, 24,000.

Emphasis upon reuniting families whose breadwinners are already established in Canada has borne out by the 1953 figures. In that year, 51,000 dependent children were brought to Canada.

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preparers to snap pictures of the weapons used by the would-be assassins and the Puerto Rican flag Mrs. Lebron waved in the House gallery as a signal to start the assault.

Ping was gaily to having supplied
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pose of procuring a British pas-
port for Kwok Chak-wing on the
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ferred to the second court.
Ping was also allowed bail of
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publish a special number of "The Volunteer".

For this special number a new format will be possible. Required regarding the early days of the Force, and I should like to appeal to any of your readers who have photographs or newspaper cuttings or other material—even just a line or two of reminiscence—concerning the forward thrust of the Communist, Royal Hong Kong Defence Force, Happy Valley.

If anyone has material which they can give or lend to the Force I can assure them that the greatest care will be taken

Edinburgh continue their triumphant way in Victoria, and from all quarters they are enjoying the end.

They will find Melbourne different to Hobart and very much different, too, to Sydney.

Sydney is a city with no more than a score of cities or not Melbourne, a bit more lady-like, perhaps, also can claim city status, but Hobart is just a big country town, a bit more English, and, perhaps, which is why the Queen and the Duke seemed to like it all so much.

A RAILWAY Department official said swarms of grasshopper often trains, but that was the first occasion when he had ever known ants to do it.

The Federal Government decided to ease import restrictions from April 1. The Prime Minister said Japan would benefit, although from Japan would still be subject to more restrictions: do goods from any other non-dollar country.

Vatican City, Mar. 2. Pope Pius XII began the 79th year of his life and the 16th of his reign today (Tuesday) confined to his iron-postered bed in the Vatican and facing prolonged treatment for an ailing, feeble illness.

The Vatican City newspaper Osservatore Romano issued a brief statement on the occasion of his 79th anniversary, saying that the pope was celebrating his 78th birthday and his election as supreme Pontiff on one out of every five persons on earth — the 400,000,000 Catholics of the Roman Catholic faith. —United Press.

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